

VSS News at a Glance

*Victims Services Section
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*



Mark Your Calendars! **Program Management Training** **March 14-16, 2007**

Registration for Program Management is now available on our website. The training will be held **March 14-16, 2007 at the Hospitality House in Williamsburg, Virginia**. This is our premier training event of the year and we have some interesting and timely workshops planned!

We have secured two nationally known speakers, **Kathleen O'Hara** and **Anna Salter**. Ms. O'Hara is the author of the book, *A Grief Like No Other, A Seven-Stage Plan to Help You Survive the Unthinkable*. A licensed psychologist by profession, Ms. O'Hara's son was kidnapped and murdered along with his college roommate when they were robbed by two assailants. She used her training as a therapist and her grief as a parent to write a concrete yet compassionate guide to dealing with traumatic loss. Although her situation deals with homicide, all crime victims and victim service providers can benefit from her suggestions on working through the trauma of loss and violence that so often shatters so many lives. For more information on Ms. O'Hara, visit her website at: www.kathleenohara.com

Ms. Anna Salter is a nationally known expert on sex offenders. She has conducted interviews with sex offenders in prison for many years and has used this data to analyze how these offenders select their victims, why they offend, and how they attract their victims. Ms. Salter received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Public Practice from Harvard University and obtained a Masters Degree in Child Study from Tufts. She was a Teaching Fellow at both Universities. She is also the author of several non-fiction and fiction books. Please visit her website at: www.annasalter.com.

Domestic Violence Training for Law Enforcement Officers

March 8, 2007 – Henrico County Public Safety Training Center

Chesterfield County and Henrico County Police Departments are pleased to bring **Lt. Mark Wynn**, to Central Virginia. Wynn, retired from the Nashville Metropolitan Police after 20 years of service, has trained numerous law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, legislators and others on domestic violence investigation. With a reputation for outstanding instruction, Wynn is a highly-sought out lecturer, speaker, consultant and expert witness in the area of domestic violence. Class topics include: Stalking and Counter-Stalking, Officer Safety and Victim Safety, On-Scene Investigation, from 911 Call to Prosecution, Avoiding Dual Arrest and Officer Manipulation, Threat Assessment, Strangulation Investigations, and Prosecuting Without the Victim's Assistance. For more information, go to www.markwynn.com or call (804) 501-5732.

Registration deadline: March 1, 2007. Cost is \$35/person. Register online at www.vcpionline.org. CCPD supervisors, send registrations to PD Training. Approved for 8 DCJS Career Development In-Service hours.

Law Enforcement Training for Trainers

April 3-5, 2007

DCJS will present Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence Training for Trainers April 3–5, 2007. The training will be held at Radford University. This training will involve a competitive application process. Interested candidates must apply as a team, which should include a law enforcement officer, a victim advocate, and/or a victim/witness advocate. Prosecutors, and others who work with domestic violence victims, are also encouraged to apply. Further information will be forthcoming but please go ahead and mark your calendars!

We are currently planning our agenda and you will hear more about this training in the coming months. This is one of our major trainings of the year, and we look forward to seeing you at this informative and invigorating training.

Fourth National Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training Conference

Scholarships Available for Law Enforcement

A limited number of scholarships covering travel, lodging, and the conference registration fee will be available for *individual* law enforcement officers interested in attending the Fourth National Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training Conference to be held on May 30–June 1, 2007 in Tampa, FL. To learn more about the conference, the scholarship process and to download an application, [click here](#). For additional information about the conference, please visit: www.sane-sart.com

Contact Serena Werner, 1-800-THE-IACP ext. 806 or Werner@theiacp.org.

DCJS Staff Changes

Nikole Sarvay, coordinator of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund, left the Victims Services Section at the end of the year. Nikole's last day with DCJS was Friday, December 29, 2006. For questions or information about the VSDVVF, please contact Deb Downing (804-371-8635 or deb.downing@dcjs.virginia.gov) or Kay Edwards (804-786-3973 or kassandra.edwards@dcjs.virginia.gov). We will miss Nikole very much and wish her the best of luck.

Robert (Bobby) Mathieson, Deputy Director, Department of Criminal Justice Services has retired from DCJS effective February 1, 2007. We wish him the best and will miss seeing him around DCJS.

Governor's Commission on Sexual Violence

Governor Tim Kaine established the Sexual Violence Commission to investigate methods and programs to further support both the state's prevention efforts and its comprehensive services to sex crime victims. To learn more about the Commission please visit our website at www.publicsafety.virginia.gov/Initiatives/SexViolence/index.cfm

Project Horizon — Disabilities Project

Project Horizon, Inc. just successfully completed an 18-month project funded by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund. The project, known as the "Disabilities Project," was organized to provide comprehensive case management and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, which also have a physical or mental disability. Project Horizon staff have produced a report which describes the development and implementation of the project. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the report, please contact Project Horizon at (540) 463-7861 or ph@rockbridge.net.

Other Training Opportunities

VDH Listserv

For further training opportunities, you may want to sign up with the Virginia Department of Health Listserv. Many of the training announcements we formerly e-mailed to you came from them. We will no longer be forwarding those training announcements. If you are interested in signing up for their listserv, you can do this by doing one of the following:

- 1) Send a blank email to VDHsvlist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com OR
- 2) Visit the yahoogroups website www.yahoogroups.com/group/VDHsvlist and click on join now. OR
- 3) Call Rebecca K. Odor at (804) 864-7740 and ask to be added to the listserv.

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

The Alliance also offers trainings on domestic & sexual violence issues around the state. Visit www.vsdvalliance.org/secProjects/traininginstitute.html for further information.

Resources

Grant Money!!!

Office for Victims of Crime Grant Opportunities

Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program

The purpose of the Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program (the Campus Program) is to help develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campuses. For more information, go to [Program Information](#). Applicants are encouraged to submit a nonbinding **letter of intent** by **February 8, 2007**. See [Sample Letter](#). Send to OVW at ovw.campus@usdoj.gov. **Register through Grants.gov by February 22, 2007. Be sure to get started early—the registration process can take approximately 3–5 days.**

Professional Development Scholarships Available

The Office for Victims of Crime has announced the availability of **Professional Development Scholarships** to those who work with victims of crime. The program provides up to \$1,000 for individuals and up to \$5,000 for multidisciplinary teams for victim service professionals seeking continuing education opportunities. The scholarship is administered by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC). OVC TTAC provides comprehensive quality training and technical assistance resources to victim service providers and other professionals. For more information go to www.ovcttac.org/taResources/scholarship.cfm

State Crime Victim/Survivor Scholarships Available

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has a **State Crime Victim/Survivor Scholarship Program** for eligible agencies and organizations sponsoring state conferences that focus on enhancing victim services. The program provides agencies with funds to offer scholarships that help eligible victims/survivors attend their conference. This scholarship program is administered by OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC).

For more information on either of these scholarships go to www.ovcttac.org/taResources/scholarship.cfm

Hope Grant Program Available from OVC

The Helping Outreach Programs to Expand (HOPE) grant program is part of OVC's funding efforts to support victim assistance programs at the grass roots level. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide up to \$10,000 in funding to grassroots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. For more information, please contact: Office for Victims of Crime, at (202) 307-5983 or go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html

Funding Alerts from National Sexual Violence Resource Center

If you are interested in receiving funding alerts directly from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, please send your e-mail address to fundingalert@pcadv.org with Funding Alert in the subject line. The current FUNDING ALERT can be accessed at: http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V1N19.pdf

Identity Theft—Identity Crime Web Site Launched

As part of a 3-year partnership between the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Bank of America, www.IDSafety.org was designed to help both consumers and law enforcement officials prevent and report identity crime, investigate perpetrators, and respond effectively to victims. Also another site to visit for information regarding Identity Theft is <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/index.shtml>.

Other Resources

Annual Report on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs Released

On January 1, Attorney General Robert McDonnell released the Annual Report on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs for 2005-2006. The Annual Report provides an overview of grant programs and services that are available for domestic violence and sexual assault victims and a description of major funding sources. The Report also details several other initiatives throughout the Commonwealth, including public awareness campaigns, training activities, and other statewide efforts to combat domestic violence and sexual assault. The Report may be viewed and downloaded online at the Attorney General's website at:

www.oag.state.va.us/key_issues/domestic_violence/index.html

Discover the OVC National Calendar of Events

More than 600 events have been added to the [OVC National Calendar of Events](#) since it was introduced in January 2006. Join the hundreds who have already discovered this essential online tool. It allows you to locate, plan, and promote victim assistance-related events nationwide. Add your 2007 victim-assistance related events today.

Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victims Fund Publication in Spanish

OVC has just made its excellent publication, "Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victims Fund," available in **SPANISH** for downloading online. You can access this document from OVC at: <http://www.ovc.gov/foreignlang/spanish/voca/201129Spanish.pdf>

Five Research Briefs on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice

The MacArthur Foundation Research Network has just published five research briefs on adolescent development and juvenile justice. Topics include adolescent legal competence, pathways to desistance for serious juvenile offenders, and youth culpability and criminal blameworthiness. You can download all five briefs at:

www.adjj.org/content/page.php?cat_id=2&content_id=28

Does Child Abuse Cause Crime?

"Does Child Abuse Cause Crime?" is an excellent new working paper from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. The paper focuses on measuring the effects of child maltreatment, using data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. Definitely worth reading and sharing! Download a copy (approx. 60 pages) at: [http://aysps.gsu.edu/publications/2006/download/s/CurrieTekin_ChildAbuse.pdf#search="Does%20child%20abuse%20cause%20crime](http://aysps.gsu.edu/publications/2006/download/s/CurrieTekin_ChildAbuse.pdf#search=)

Free Domestic Violence Training CD

The American Probation and Parole Association is offering an excellent and FREE training CD about domestic violence and the role of community. This computer-based instructional program provides basic information about community corrections working with domestic violence cases and victims, based upon APPA's 41 guidelines for community supervision of domestic violence offenders. If you work with battered women, or with allied professionals who work with or supervise batterers, you'll want to order this.

www.appa-net.org/Domestic_Violence/computer_based_training.htm

New Guide Helps Manage Sex Offenders

"[Managing Sex Offenders: Citizens Supporting Law Enforcement](#)" highlights relevant sex offender legislation impacting law enforcement, identifies emerging operational challenges for law enforcement executives, and offers examples of how law enforcement agencies are using citizens to enhance and support their sex offender management and enforcement efforts.

NIJ Seeks Multiple Research Proposals

NIJ is seeking research proposals on the following topics: Intimate Partner Violence; Response to Sexual Violence; Forensic Analysis of Fire and Arson Evidence; Social Science's Impact on Terrorism; Impression Evidence; Crime Scene Tools, Techniques, and Technologies; and Information-Led Policing, Development, Testing, and Evaluation. View NIJ's [Funding Opportunities page](#) for more information.

Crime Prevention PowerPoint Presentations Available

The National Crime Prevention Council, in partnership with BJA, has released the second set of [Crime Prevention PowerPoint Presentations](#).

These presentations are designed to be used by local law enforcement officers and other crime prevention practitioners to provide information to communities on crime issues and prevention strategies.

FBI Releases School Crime Data

"[Synopsis of Crime in Schools and Colleges: A Study of National Incident-Based Reporting System \(NIBRS\) Data](#)" (NCJ 216107) (3 pp.) examines the characteristics of offenders involved in crimes at school and college locations. Data are reported by state and local law enforcement agencies for 2000 to 2004. The full study is forthcoming.

National Center for State Courts Releases Report

A new study from the National Center for State Courts entitled "Serving LEP Battered Women: A National Survey of the Courts' Capacity to Provide Protection Orders, has found that courts have inadequate resources, including a shortage of interpreters and informational materials in languages other than English, to serve battered women with limited English proficiency (LEP). While the full report is quite lengthy, this link also includes an Executive Summary:

www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/216072.pdf

School Crime Rates

The rate of serious violent crime—rape, sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault—at the nation's schools fell from six victimizations per 1,000 students in 2003 to four per 1,000 in 2004, according to a new report by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. "Indicators of School Crime and Safety, 2006" can be accessed at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/iscs06.htm

Employment Opportunities

Populations Outreach and Support Specialist

The James House Intervention/Prevention Services seeks to hire an Underserved Populations Outreach and Support Specialist who will provide sensitivity training and awareness within the community and be an advocate, responsible for the development/ implementation of culturally appropriate program services for domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking victims/secondary victims who identify as underserved in the following categories: people who reside in rural areas, women at risk, older women, racial/ethnic minorities, non-English speaking victims, people who identify as LGBTQ or transgendered, and people who are physically or emotionally challenged. Requirements: Understand the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking, and be sensitive to the needs of survivors, particularly self-identifying underserved populations; participation in suggested/required training opportunities; be energetic and flexible; exhibit the ability to remain calm under stressful situations; maintain a valid Virginia driver's license, transportation and telephone; be available for nights, weekends and on-call shifts; maintain confidentiality and discretion at all times; have a minimum of 5 years of education and/or experience working with sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking victims; successful background check with a solid work history. Pay range \$32,000–\$34,000. Health insurance stipend available.

Send resume and cover letter to Carolyn Croxton, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator at the James House Carolyn@thejameshouse.org <mailto:Carolyn@thejameshouse.org>

Advocates Program Co-Director Position

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) has an opening for an **Advocates Program Co-Director**. Founded in 1995, DVRP is a nonprofit organization that seeks to address and prevent domestic violence in Asian and Pacific Islander (A/PI) communities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. DVRP is a non-hierarchical organization structured on mutual respect, shared responsibility, trust and equality supported by a collaborative style of leadership.

The Advocates Program Co-Director is a full-time, salaried position. Within DVRP's Advocates Program, trained community members serve as bilingual/bicultural advocates to provide free social service assistance to A/PI women in present or past abusive relationships.

The primary duties of the Advocates Program Co-Director are to coordinate the semi-annual, 50+ hour Advocates Program Training; evaluate the effectiveness of the Advocates Program services; and oversee grant reporting for the Advocates Program. S/he is also responsible for providing trainings to other service providers on topics including cultural competency and domestic violence in A/PI communities.

This position will work closely with its Co-Director, staff, volunteers, and the Board of Directors. Position requires some weekend and evening hours.

Responsibilities include:

Working to ensure that A/PI survivors of abuse receive culturally and linguistically appropriate direct services by coordinating and conducting DVRP's Spring and Fall Advocates Program Trainings; updating training curricula and resources; and recruiting, screening, and interviewing potential advocates. Evaluating quality of services by managing the administration of evaluation surveys; updating survey tools; compiling and analyzing data; and writing monthly reports for DVRP's Board and quarterly reports to grantors. Working to increase the accessibility of services for A/PI survivors by representing their needs at coordi-

nated community response meetings and conducting cultural competency trainings for other area service providers. Assisting with grant proposal writing for additional Advocates Program funding; and providing direct services and referral information to individual A/PI survivors of domestic violence, when necessary.

Qualifications:

Bachelors Degree or higher educational degree; familiarity with domestic violence training modules and curricula; experience in organizing and facilitating trainings; experience with program evaluation; experience working with Asian/Pacific Islander communities; excellent writing, oral communication and presentation skills; strong administrative and organizational skills; ability to multi-task; and bilingual in an A/PI language is preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience.

To Apply:

Please send cover letter and resume by **5 pm, Monday February 26, 2007** to: DVRP Hiring Committee, Email: hr@dvrp.org; or fax to (202) 986-9332. *No phone calls please.*

**How to Submit Your Training Announcements
or Employment Opportunities**

If you have any trainings/activities/employment opportunities you would like to have listed, please send them to Candace Miles at Candace.miles@dcjs.virginia.gov by the 1st of March. We will make every effort to include them depending on space and/or time limitations. To access this document go to www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims



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